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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, CG

SUBJ: NEWS FROM AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN KAPANGA

1. METHODIST MISSION HEAD IN LUBUMBASHI REPORTS THAT FAZ SOLDIERS DELIVERED HAND-WRITTEN MESSAGES TO MISSIONARY IN KOLWEZI MAY 27 SAYING SEVEN AMERICAN MISSIONARIES STILL IN KAPANGA AREA. HAND-WRITING OF ONE NOTE WAS THAT OF REV. MARVIN WOLFORD. METHODISTS BELIEVE MESSAGE AUTHENTIC AND WRITTEN AFTER CAPTURE OF KAPANGA.

2. MESSAGE SAID DR. GLEN ESCHTRUTH HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY INVADERS ON APRIL 17 AND NOT SEEN AGAIN. ALL OTHER MISSIONARIES REPORTED WELL.

3. NO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MISSIONARIES IN SANDOA.

4. METHODISTS SEEKING PERMISSION TO SEND PLANE TO KAPANA. THEY ARE ALSO PREPARING MESSAGE TO INFORM THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

5. CONSULATE COMMENT: MISSING MISSIONARY FROM KAPANGA, GLEN

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ESCHTRUTH, HAD BEEN SOLE SOURCE OF RADIO CONTACT BETWEEN ANY MISSIONARY UNITS IN OCCUPIED AREA AND REST OF ZAIRE. HIS TRANSMISSIONS CEASED ON APRIL 15, SHORTLY AFTER NOTING THE FIRST BOMBING ATTACKS ON KAPANGA. HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AS RESULT OF BROADCASTS. ALTERNATIVELY, HE IS SKILLED SURGEON WHO COULD HAVE BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER AREA TO TREAT WOUNDED.  
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